

Information about

Global Refund Tax Return

Tax free shopping offers foreign visitors a refund of the value-added tax (VAT) paid on goods bought in Poland and exported in their personal luggage. The service is activated at stores bearing the TAX FREE SHOPPING logo, where the Global Refund Cheques (green forms) are issued together with fiscal proof of purchase (paragon). You will need both to claim a tax refund. VAT rates in Poland are: 3%, 7% and 22%. Tax is only refunded on goods (not on gasoline or any services) of at least 200 PLN (Polish zloties) value in that single purchase. Handling fee is deducted at the time of refund (9%-40% of VAT paid) Some shops refund tax at the time of purchase. You need to export the goods not later than on the last day of the third month after the month of purchase.

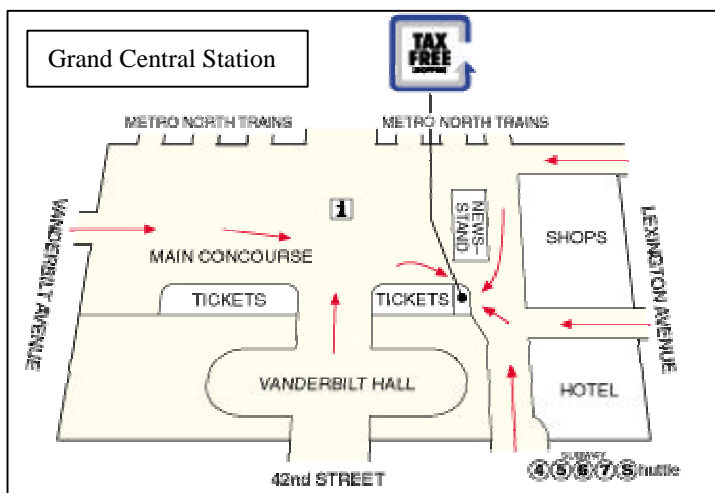
The visitor must declare the purchase at the Customs office at air, sea or land border crossing point to get it validated.

The stamped cheques are refunded at Cash Refund Offices either in Poland or upon return to visitor's home country. At Okecie Airport the office is situated in the Transit Hall, opposite W. Kruk jeweler, telephone **650 2635**. Hours: Monday-Sunday 6.00-22.00.

There are many refund offices at land borders and seaports (see: www.globalrefund.pl/uk for a listing).

You are **strongly** advised to settle your tax refund **before** leaving Poland.

There is one refund office in the United States: Choice Currency Exchange Ltd., Grand Central Station, telephone **212 661 7600** (see map below).



Choice Foreign Exchange
Grand Central Station
Main Concourse, East Ticket Window

Hours - Mon - Fri 7 am - 9 pm
Sat - Sun 10 am - 6 pm

The refund may be collected in person by the traveler or someone authorized in writing (passport copy required). The Global Refund New York Headquarters' telephone number is: **845 348 7672**.

For more information please contact the Global Refund Services at the above website address or by telephone at **22 853 3755 (Warsaw Headquarters)**.

Tax-free shopping schemes also operate in the Czech and Slovak Republics, Germany, Austria and Denmark. Check for local regulations.